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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20539

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The Department of Justice has already worked out an antitrust lawsuit agreement with Microsoft. The company is still trying to work out an acceptable agreement with many of the states. I think it's high time that the federal government allows this agreement to fall into place and let Microsoft get back to business.

Microsoft is being punished for pursuing the American Dream. Bill Gates has worked hard and deserves what he has. Microsoft has a direct impact on many small businesses that make up a large part of this country's economy. By continuing to distract Microsoft, you are only driving this country deeper into recession.

The settlement has enough stipulations to remedy any qualms by competitors and is fair to both the government and Microsoft. It requires Microsoft not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system. It also forces Microsoft to design future versions of Windows to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. Additionally, the company had to make numerous other compromises.

As a good loyal Republican please work to finalize the Department of Justice's settlement and let Microsoft get back to business.

Sincerely,



Dr. and Mrs. John Pirri, Jr.

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond  
Congressman Lindsay Graham